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## ENVIS workshop inaugurated

### Humans will have to face nature's wrath if it is not protected: Dhungel

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GANGTOK, April 5: The State Science and Technology Minister Bhim Dhungel today notified the importance of environment conservation stating that human kind will have to face the wrath of nature in the days to come if it is not protected.

Inaugurating the two days long national evaluation workshop of Environmental Information Systems Scheme (ENVIS) here today, Mr. Dhungel said Sikkim is in the forefront in terms of conserving flora and fauna. "The natural resources should be used judiciously and the challenges on environment should be taken seriously," he said while urging the people of Sikkim to continue with their nature friendly living.

Mr. Dhungel also released the news letter of ENVIS Sikkim Centre and



other States. Statistical Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Forest Nilkanth Gosh said ENVIS network was

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established as a planned programme under the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India in December 1982. "Over the years, MoEF has identified a few organizations as centers of excellence who host subject specific ENVIS centres to disseminate environmental information. In addition to this, ENVIS centres are also hosted at the state Environment and Forests departments for wider dissemination of state environmental information," he said. Mr. Gosh added that there are at present a total of 78 ENVIS Centres spread across the country which include subject specific and state level centres.

The State S&T Secretary LM Arrawatia said the ENVIS Centre in Sikkim is functioning under Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department and has been playing a crucial role in disseminating the information related to environment issues in Sikkim.

Also present on the occasion were State Forest Secretary ST Lachungpa, Joint Director, Ministry of Environment and Forests Dr Madhumita Gosh and about 60 representatives

from across the country. The workshop organised by Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology with the support of Ministry of Environment and Forests was aimed to make energy researchers, environmentalists, and policy makers aware on the changes in energy sectors and their effects on environment.